

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 30-40 are pending in this application, of which claims 30, 34 and 37 are independent. Claims 7-29 have been cancelled. Claims 30-40 have been added. The new claims add no new matter and find full support in the application as originally filed. In view of the above claims and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and a timely indication of allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 26-29 have been canceled.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner has rejected claims 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Lang (U.S. Patent Appl. No. 2004/0240310.) Claims 24 and 25 have been canceled.

New Claims

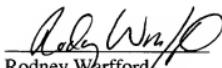
New claims 30-40 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 30-40 are each in condition for allowance over the prior art made of record.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 30-40 are in condition for allowance, and a timely indication of allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed by telephone, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the number indicated.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any required fees (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1579(56.0745).

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